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COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE, MAY 30

SEA SCOUT INSPECTION AND DANCE SATURDAY, MAY 3

After an absence of several years when the Sea Scout affairs were held elsewhere, the Annual Commodore's Inspection and Dance will return to the Naval Reserve Armory, at the foot of Randolph Street in Grant Park. This year's affair will be held Saturday night, May 3, starting at 8:00 o'clock.

The Sea Scout Ship Red Star, retiring Council Flagship will lead the 1,400 Chicago Sea Scout Ships on to the drill floor for inspection and presentation of awards. Various trophies earned during 1946 will be presented and other awards distributed on the basis of inspection results that night will be made.

High point of the evening will be the selection of the Council Flagship for 1947. Eligible for top rating in the city are the Ships chosen as outstanding in their own squadrons on the basis of year-round activities, Drill, Inspections, Community Service, Camping, Leadership Training and Advancement. So far, four Squadron Flagships have been entered in the race. They are:

North West: SSS. Ad Post Clipper
North Shore: SSS. R. E.
West Side: SSS. Sea Hawk
South West: SSS. Flying Dutchman.

The South Shore Squadron Flagship has not yet been chosen.

Prior to the inspection and dance a special dinner will be held at the Columbia Yacht Club for all Squadron Officers, Skippers, and their wives. The dinner will be a fellowship meeting which will give the ladies an additional opportunity to get acquainted with Scouting and its personnel. The affair opens Sea Scouting Activities.

Tilden Cummings

CUMMINGS AND ANGER GET NEW EXEC. BOARD POSTS

Tilden Cummings and Frank Anger, two of Chicago's most energetic volunteers, have been chosen to fill important leadership posts in the Council according to a recent announcement made by William R. Odell, Jr., Council President.

Mr. Cummings becomes Chairman of the Executive Board, after tenure as vice-chairman and service as Chairman of the Fund Drive in 1946. He is a graduate of Princeton University, and is vice president of the Continental Illinois National Bank. He is a member of the University Club and serves as president of the Princeton Club of Chicago.

Mr. Anger becomes Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board after heading our most successful fund raising drive. He is president of the Industrial National Bank of Chicago, where he has been associated since 1926. Northwestern University and the Kent College of Law are his schools. Both men are ardent Scouters.

TO MEET AT OWASIPPE ON THREE DAY TRIP

When the 200 Scout Commissioners of the Chicago Council attend their annual Conference at the Owasippe Scout Camps they will get a taste of camping and out-door adventures as experienced by the average Chicago Boy Scout.

The junket, scheduled for May 30 through June 1, will leave Chicago via bus at 8:00 o'clock in the morning. That's just a bit later than the usual Owasippe trips leave. From the time the Commissioners check into camp until they get back to the city they will follow a camp procedure matching that of the Scouts. They will receive the routine physical examination, take the prescribed swimming test and have all of the grand program opportunities available.

Commissioner J. Albert Woll will open the session with a presentation during the evening campfire on Friday night. He will outline the Conference Plan. Saturday will find the men hiking and canoeing to the Spillway, to Bass Lake, Lake Cristol, Headwaters, Deuces Wild, and taking a trip down the White River. Following that an outdoor lunch will be served at Hiawatha Beach.

Sunday morning will start with religious services followed by breakfast. Then from 10:00 to 12:00 o'clock the serious sessions will be held. Scout Executive L. D. Cornell and Assistant Jack F. Conley will discuss the Camping and Hiking program of the Chicago Council. There will then be a discussion period and the meeting will close with a statement by Mr. Cornell on: "Where do We Go From Here?"

Plan now to attend what promises to be a great Conference.

SCOUTING OFFERS EXCITING CAREER OF SERVICE TO MEN WHO QUALIFY

There are several opportunities for employment as Scout Field Executives in the Chicago Council for men who are properly qualified, and who have a real interest in the development of the Boy Scout program.

General qualifications are:

1. Age - From 24 to 35 years of age.
2. Education - College education or its equivalent.
3. Experience as a Scout or leader is desirable.
4. Health - Must meet highest physical standards.
5. General - Candidates must be of good character with a personality adapted to the Scouting requirements.

Scouting as a career is one which provides an outstanding opportunity for real community service. The task of administering a program which is a molding force in the lives of at least 40,000 Chicago boys is one with a challenge. It is one which requires drive, perseverance, and initiative. Accepted Candidates will be expected to attend the National Training School for Scout Executives.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WARM SPRING WEATHER. PLAN PLENTY OF HIKES, INDUSTRIAL TRIPS AND CAMPING ADVENTURES FOR ALL SCOUTS.

FOUR SECTIONAL MEETINGS TO MAKE ANNUAL MEETING OF REGION SEVEN

District Executive Committee Chairmen and Chairmen of Community Committees have been invited to a meeting to be held at the Camp Kiwanis Training Center, Sunday, April 27. The group will meet with William R. Odell, Jr., president of the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America, to discuss the function of the Community Operating Committees.

Mr. Odell will lead the discussion, and Scout Executive L. D. Cornell will make a brief statement. Supper will be served. The meeting is the first of its kind to be held in Chicago, and has been designed to meet needs which have become apparent during recent years.

Community and District personnel will enjoy the opportunity to meet with top Council leaders. The discussion periods should provide a chance for the interchange of ideas and operation so that all will profit from the experiences of each other.

PLAN HUGE RECOGNITION MEETING FOR SCOUTERS AND WIVES ON MAY 15

A special meeting of all Chicago Scout Leaders and their wives has been planned for Thursday, May 15, at 8:00 o'clock in the Chicago Museum of Natural History. Its purpose to be the recognition of those men and boys who have been outstanding in their Scouting activities.

Awards of Eagle Scout, Quartermaster Sea Scout, and Ranger Explorer Scout will be presented, along with Scoutmaster Keys, Training Awards and Silver Beaver Awards for distinguished service to boyhood. The affair is being planned by the Executive Board under the direction of William R. Odell, Jr., president, and Chairman Tilden Cummings.

The development of the Recognition Meeting fills the gap left when it was decided to hold a strictly business meeting for the annual Council Meeting. The Council Business Meeting was held on March 4 at which time reports were read and officers were elected.

Ladies have been invited in the belief that the opportunity to see Scouting in action and the chance to absorb some of the Scouting inspiration is too frequently witheld from the Boy Scout "widows". The Ranger Badge is the first of its kind to be presented by the Chicago Council.

IMPORTANT DATES.
April 23 ---International Scout Day
May 11 ---Mother's Day
May 30 ---Memorial Day

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY CHAIRMEN TO MEET WITH TOP COUNCIL PERSONNEL

Region Seven Annual Meetings will be held in four sections of the Region from April 21 thru April 25, according to announcement received from the Regional office. The Chicago one is planned for Tuesday, April 22, at the Stevens Hotel.

Meeting with the theme, "Getting the Program of Scouting to the Boy Through Effective Council and District Operation," top Coucil personnel will hear Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, Chief Scout Executive, and O. D. Evansen, Assistant Director of the Rural Scouting Service, plus key Regional men. Council Committee Chairmen, Council Officers, District Chairmen, District Commissioners, National Council Representatives, and Scout Executives are urged to attend the meeting. Other meetings will be held in Terre Haute, April 21; Fond Du Lac, April 23, and Lansing, April 25.

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GYMKHANA RESULTS

The Annual Chicago Council Sea Scout Gymkhana was held on the last Saturday in March at the 132nd Infantry Armory, 2653 W. Madison Street, with the North Shore Squadron taking top honors. First place in the Drill, Piping and Life Jacket Relay contests helped the team amass a total of 59 points. Final standings were:

North Shore	59 points
South West	55 Points
South Shore	46 points
West Side	18 points
North West	11 points.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Protestant Youth Activities Committee of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago is planning a morning and afternoon meeting for Monday, April 28 to deal with the problem, "Present Trends in Youth Programs Thru Government, Community and Church. The morning session of the affair will be a Union Ministers' meeting at the Chicago Temple, with Dr. Howard McClusky, University of Michigan, as the speaker. Luncheon will be served at the Central YMCA., 19 S. LaSalle Street. At that time representatives of the Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts will speak on their part in the church as a member of their movement. Adjournment will be at 2:00 o'clock. The Rev. Ralph H. Collis is Chairman of the Committee, and Assistant Scout Executive Schiller Colberg represents the Boy Scouts.

Plans are also being laid for the calling of a Lutheran Ministers Meeting sometime soon. The Lutheran Committee on Scouting working in cooperation with S. H. Halstad, National Lutheran Scout Director, and the Rev. A. E. Iverson, National Director of Protestant Relations, B.S.A., is planning the event which is designed to acquaint the Lutheran Church with the Scout program and which will provide an opportunity to sponsoring institutions to consult with others considering acceptance of Scouting and a part of the Church youth program.

WAR SURPLUS

In spite of the many newspaper advertisements you may see regarding huge war surplus sales, no additional materials have been made available through the Chicago Boy Scout office. Whenever equipment or supplies are available, special notice will be sent to all Scouters. So if you've been thinking of 'phoning to find out something, remember the answer is right here.

HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

The National Conference of Christians and Jews will present the 11th Annual Institute on Human Relations at the Stevens Hotel, Thursday, April 17, with the cooperation of many Chicago agencies including the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America. The theme of the Institute will be, "A Declaration of Interdependence." The morning session will be devoted to "One World in Chicago." In the afternoon a film will be shown and a workshop session held. Key speakers will be Dr. George Stoddard, President, University of Illinois; and Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Director, Phelps-Stokes Fund.

MISCELLANEOUS

Here's a tribute to the Scouts on the West Side Paul Bunyan Tree Planting project. While performing a swell community service they also used their eyes to help solve a suburban crime and recover some stolen checks and government bonds..... The date for the Senior Scout Air Camp has been set for August 17 to 30. The place, Chanute Field. Make your plans early.....Another Senior Scout Encampment will be held at Glenview and Great Lakes, Illinois, from June 6 to 19..... The State of Illinois Annual Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Conference will be held at the Hotel Sherman on April 10 and 11. Scouters are invited and the Scouts will have a part in the program.....The 37th annual meeting of the National Council will be held in New York on May 27 and 28.

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The Council Leader Looks at Responsibility

MEMBERSHIP
Feb. 27, 1946

Total Boys - 28,802

Total Units - 1,022

The Chicago Council stands just about one foot from having completed its most successful fund raising campaign. Chicagoans have contributed more funds to the support of Scouting than ever before in our history, and present trends point toward a continued support which will surpass any previous effort. In view of this tremendous public acclaim of our program it behooves each Scouter to personally re-examine his duties and obligations as a Boy Scout Leader.

MEMBERSHIP
Feb. 27, 1947

Total Boys - 28, 946

Total Units- 1032

The tremendous obligation accepted by Scouters is a community trust, for they are handling the most important commodities in the world: Boys and money. In light of the trust placed in us, we consider our task as vitally important. Chicagoans have shown that they believe in our program of citizenship training and character building,

they have said that they believe in our methods. Then it must logically follow that we are obliged to strive for the maximum results. We must ever reach out to the boys who miss Scouting and we must ever extend ourselves so the boys who fall by the wayside are brought back in. We must be alert to specific needs in our communities and institutions so we can meet all demands.

HUMANE ACT AWARD APPLICANTS TO BE ACCEPTED BY AVMA UNTIL MAY 1

It is not too late to enter some Scout or Cub in the contest sponsored by the American Veterinary Medical Association to pick the person who has performed the most humane act in 1946, according to a letter received from Dr. W. J. Young, Chairman of the Association.

Entries have been restricted to boys and girls not more than 18 years old, and they must be submitted prior to May 1. Send them to the Humane Act Award Committee, A.V.M.A., 600 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Previous winners have been the editor of Pet News, the rescuer of a dog trapped in a sewer and the boy who established National Cat Week. Such acts might be common occurrences among Scouts who are taught to be kind to animals and birds.

HAVE YOU A STORY WHICH MIGHT BE ADAPTED FOR THE BOY SCOUT SHOW?

Has some Scout or Cub or Senior Scout had an experience which might make interesting material for the Boy Scout Radio Program which is aired every other Saturday over WJJD? If so, the public relations service in the Scout office would like to hear about it, and perhaps make a drama out of it for the program.

Those who prepare the program are most interested in camping experiences, out-door adventures, community good turns, and stories that tell of the influence exerted on boys by the Scout program. Each program consists of a dramatization followed by a discussion period among several Scouts or Leaders. So far, shows have been devoted to Eagle Scouting, Cubbing, Senior Scouting, Scout Week, and the history of the Movement.

"BE PREPARED"